Washington Jan. 8.
1845

To the Vestry of Christ Church

Gentlemen

My relative Mrs Wm White, is desirous of subscribing the two seats in the Pew in Christ Church owned by me, and as I have no immediate use for the same, I wish to accommodate him, subject to my right of demanding them back at any time, on giving six months notice therefore.

If any answer should be necessary to this application, it can be made to my Uncle Mr Thos. U. White, who will act for me on the occasion

I am respectfully
Esteem White Harris

Elder Rhoda Harris
application, Consent
of Deacons to Ordain her
Testimony in her Case
Wm Rhoda
Guardian of Deacons
7 Jan 1848

To the

Deacons of Christ Church

Philadelphia

Bishop Potter has to acknowledge the receipt thro Mr Kempton of fifty Dollars from the Vestry of Christ Church Philad.a to be applied to the erection of a church at Washington Penn.a, He begs Mr Kempton to express his own thanks as well as the grateful acknowledgments of the feeble parish in question for this instance of liberality -

Broad St.
Jan.y 28. 1848

January 28. 1848

Bishop Potter

acknowledgment

Senator for

Washington County

Hon. Wm. Slade

State of Vermont

Middlebury

Stockbridge Mass.
7th July 1848

Moses Kimpton Esq
Warden of the Vestry

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 26th ult. was received a few days since, and it is with the sincerest gratitude, that I acknowledge the enclosed Check for fifty dollars, to be devoted to the purposes of this Mission. You will greatly oblige me by communicating my thanks to the Vestry, and also such information respecting Stockbridge herein sent you, as you may judge advisable. Where there is no acting agent, Sir, the Check is the most ready form for the receipt of monies. We can easily negociate them. Had this money been sent to N. York, I should not in all probability have heard from it for at least six months. "Trust Funds" are unacquainted favours, sometimes published & sometimes not. I do therefore feel greatly obliged to you, Sir, for having consulted our immediate wants. I have already sent per mail, a public acknowledgement to the Banner of the Cross, which I trust you approve of. What I shall now write concerning the state of this Mission, I hope will be regarded by you as a further expression of my thanks to the Committee of your Vestry, for the ordering this appropriation to be made us at this time, when our wants are many and pressing.

P.S. Royal Bradford acknowledges receipt of check, 1st January 1848—

The main object for the planting of this mission has in the due course of things arrived. The first year (1841-42) of our labours was spent in the field, establishing stations over a tract of country forty miles in diameter. The mission (training) school was begun the second year. But not until this winter have we resigned the entire charge of the people. There are now eleven Parishes organized by this Mission within its original limits. Five Clergymen are now upon this ground, labouring chiefly as Parish Ministers, which greatly relieves the Rev. Mr. Adams & myself. Of the above Parishes, two consist of Swedes & Norwegians - three of English emigrants, & the remainder of Americans & foreigners. By reason of the early establishment of this mission in this country, the Ch has taken deep root in the very formation of the population - In many places the Ch was the first on the ground, contrary to her usual custom. Only one of the present Clergy was here in 1841. There are now twenty-three - seven of them have been ordained out of our House. With Divine Permission three more will be ordained in June next. There are probably fifteen hundred communicants of the Ch in this country at the present time. Twelve churches are built & nearly as many more are building. There are nearly forty organized Parishes. The main object of this mission has now come. A Mission School & a Mission House. The duties which have accumulated upon me demand all my time. Our Household numbers about thirty-five, of

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which number twenty-nine are Divinity Students - Three have come to us from all parts of the United States - from your own city, Six, two - from New York four - from Boston one - from Maryland one - from Mississippi one - from Wisconsin three Two are Swedes - one is a Dane - another is from Norway - four are English & one is Irish. From Santa Croix has come another young man that was formerly a Jew - now a "true Israelite" all these are preparing for the Church Service, and without doubt the Missionary field will engage their chief attention throughout life - I have omitted to mention the Oneidas, which are three in number - one of these studying both Latin & Greek. Several of the above foreigners knew nothing of English beyond the monosyllables yes & no - when they came to us I have written to the Secretary of the Foreign Committee to say that we are ready to receive Chinese youth, and hope from the advantages here found of entire Church influence (a Church atmosphere, so to speak, all about us), and also the labour required not simply as a support but also as a discipline, will induce the Foreign Bishop in China to comply - The varied character of our Household is opportune to meet the varied character of this people - emigrating thither from all lands.

should the Rector of your venerated Parish, or yourself, Sir, or any other of the Vestry or Parish, wish for more detailed account than this letter contains, be assured that I shall consider, I am only making some return for benefits conferred. The most part of these young gentlemen are orphans or fatherless - several look to us for their entire support - saving that which their labour provides them with. All our buildings must be erected out of the occasional Alms, which are sent us. Each obtain presents himself to the Service of God as a free-will offering of his Church. We have come out in faith & with out presumption, we hope, shall continue in faith, working according to the ability that God giveth. With but one or two exceptions - I am as head of this Brotherhood responsible for the entire of all personal necessaries, as clothing, food, books, (which are only loaned) &c. But I can truly say that I am more & more persuaded of the practicability, efficiency & great economy of this system.

To perform manual labour but not after the fashion of the Dissenting establishments under that name. I believe Sir, that all members of this House will testify to their great contentment & the good which they derive from our discipline - With my sincerest respect for the Lord's Dear & your Vestry - I remain with much gratitude your servant for the Lamb's sake W Breck

Mayor Office
February 18 1848

Mr Templeton

Sir

The Mayor directs me to request that you will cause the Bells of Christ Church to be chimed on the 22nd instant in accordance with the usual custom on that Anniversary.

Your Very Resp
Orrin Parker
Clerk of the Mayor

Mr Moses A Hempstead
Warden
Christ Church

Documents 18--1848
The Accounts of the Early
Vestries
The Old Records
of the Parish
Church

March 6th 1848

Mayor of the City

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The Bells of the Muffled

& tolled on the occasion

of the arrival of the

remains of J. Q. Adams

for Burial

Messrs Hemphill Esq

Mayors Office "

March 6" /48

Dr Sir-

I am directed by a Committee of Council to see that the bells of Christ Church be muffled & toll'd upon the occasion of the arrival of the remains of the late J. Q. Adams into the City which will be tomorrow afternoon " will you have it attended to -

yours very Truly

M. Wright

Mayor

To/ Messrs Hemphill Esq

Christ Church
vs
Hartley &c.

My dear Sir

Mr Henry who has just arrived from Charleston paid me a visit this morning in my chamber, to which I am confined by indisposition I have been waiting for his arrival to make a communication to you relative to this case, which he and the other devisees of Mr Flemming are desirous of having settled upon the most amicable terms. With this view I propose that the value of the ground for which the verdict was rendered be determined by competent and impartial persons, and that upon the devisees paying the value thus ascertained the Church Convey a release to them the Stock of ground

I shall be glad to hear from you early on the subject

Very truly Yours

Wm M Meredith Esq

Wm Rawle

May 1. 1845

William Rawle
to
W. M. Meredith

May 1. 1848
in relation to Ejectment Case
vs Flemmings Heirs —
enclosed to
Accts Marcus with power
to act

Moses Kempton Esq
Cashier &c

Dear Sir:

I wish to have permission to have the tomb opened in Christ Church ground which contains the remains of my deceased wife for removal to Laurel Hill cemetery.

Yours respectfully

A. O. Wiles

No 2 York Buildings
May 5. 1848

Application

Mr Miller Esq

for permit removing

Liq by Mess- G

L. Hall

May 5 1848

Granted Order

13 May 1848

Horace Hamilton Esqr

Philad$^{a}$ May 17. 1848

Mr Rand Esq$^{r}$

My dear Sir

In Consequence of my late pressing indisposition my delay &c in answering your note of 1$^{st}$ inst to W M Meredith Esq$^{r}$ — respecting the Case of Ch Ch & Hodgson —

It was only yesterday the Minority of Berley was Communicated to Me — on the merits of the Bill, your letter was laid before Berley — and on Motion it was referred to me with power

I leave you Not before me in what you propose that the Basis of the Ground taken by Blumeng from the Ch. Consent ground be Abandoned & Compleat temporal Ground — Then you proceed to Argue the Church Charges for grounds, Mr Blumeng having Knowingly taken up the ground to benefit his Lordings, his Heirs cannot object & have it for less Many than the Church would Chuse Individuals whom they might willingly consent to dispose of &c, together with Interest on that sum for the time it may been taken Instead of the Expenses — the Church has been most imposed upon not by Mr Berley, but she looks for Satisfaction from the Estate of the Lorany dec$^{d}$ — and not a Cent more than is just — and it will be pleasing to meet you & other persons duly authorized to make a Settlement —

Yours very Respectfully
Mason Tompkins
Wardens of Ch Ch

May 17. 1848
Copy — Not.
M Kinsplan Ch 11
to
Wm Rand Esq

Dear Sir

Having been requested by you to make an offer to Christ Church on behalf of the residuary devisees of the late Robert Flemming I now offer on their behalf the Sum of One thousand dollars. in full satisfaction of all claims and demands; in Consideration of which, the Church to execute a release, conveyance or such other instruments as the Counsel of the devisees may advise, of all right and title of the Church, to the ground for which the verdict was rendered

If this Offer should not be accepted, as I trust it will be, I propose to leave it to three impartial and judicious men, to determine what ought to be done in the premises —

Very Respectfully Yours

William Rawle

Moses Hempton Esq

June 5th 1818

Moses Kempton Esq
310 North Front St

Philadelphia
Jan 15 1848

July 24th /48

Sir

Having been informed by Mr Wonderly that he intended to move from No 15 race St at the end of his present quarter August 1st I again take your the following offer Viz. I will take the house from that date for the Period of 5 or 10 years at a rent of $150- pr annum Payable quarterly on the 1st days of the months of Nov. Feby May & augt & at any time during said lease that the rent so Payable shall become due & unpaid for the Period of 30 days thereafter said lease to be at an End & the Premises to be forthwith given up And I will in consideration of the above agree to Paper the Entry & Staircase. Paint the Kitchen 2d Story build a summer Kitchen back & Keep the house in good Tenantable order during said lease at my own Expense & I will pay Rent in cash on said 1st day of augt $200- in full of any indebtedness that I may owe your answer Either to day or Tomorrow morning Mr Shee Attended to I am yours most Respectfully

Jno H. Williams Jr

N.B I make this offer Definitely

May 24. 1848

Geo. W Williams

offering to Rent House

&

to Purchase a alley

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Lot

M. Thompson Esqr

No 30 N. Front St

Philadelphia 22d Sept 1848

To the Wardens & Vestry of
Christ Church

I hereby relinquish my seat in No 14
north Aisle in favor of my sister Eliza Lyon Clark

Catharine V. Ward

Jap. 1848

Calhoun v. Ward
late Clerk

The with drawal of
the Name of Calhoun &
Sales & adding the name
of Elza Lyon Clerk
in Consulting in Room
of Wm Battle Elles
Clerk

Moses Hampton Esq
Warden of Christ Church
Sir

You are hereby authorized to dispose of the Pew held by me and in the event of the Church being able to realize the sum of Two hundred dollars for the same you will consider this as my relinquishment of the Pew being understood that under the By Laws I am to receive three fourths of that sum.

Respectfully &c
Thomas C. Hand

Phila. Sept. 25th 1848